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# OFFICIAL GROUP TO SEE FLORIDA SUGAR FESTIVAL

### Cuban Agricultural Competition Will Be Discussed

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A group of senators, representatives and government officials en route to Clewiston for a "sugar-cane festival," planned to spend this afternoon at Savannah, Ga.

Arriving in Florida tonight, the party will inspect agricultural areas at Port Mayaca, Canal Point, Belle Glade, Lake Okeechobee and Moore Haven tomorrow.

The celebration will be held Thursday, marking the opening of the sixth season of extensive sugar activities in the lower Florida region.

Those joining the party here included Sens. Pat McCarran of Nevada, C. O. Andrew and Claude Pepper of Florida, William J. Bulow of South Dakota, Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota, William H. King of Utah and Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma; Reps. Arthur P. Lamneck of Ohio, Hampton P. Fulmer of South Carolina, Millard Caldwell of Florida, William Colmer of Mississippi, Andrew Edmiston of West Virginia and James P. Richards of South Carolina; Fred Savoy, G. W. Mead, M. J. Voorhies and Leslie Wheeler, representing the agriculture department; Dr. R. V. Allison of the soil conservation service; Olcott F. King, Connecticut commissioner of agriculture, and Lewis W. Feich, secretary of the Hawaii Sugar Producers' association.

Senator Pepper said Dr. Pedro Machado would represent the Cuban department of agriculture in conferences at Clewiston Thursday on competition by island and Florida vegetable growers in markets.

Dr. Machado will be accompanied to Clewiston from Havana, Pepper said, by Mrs. Machado and Dennis Figueroaux, representing the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association of Cuba.

Pepper said the possibility of a voluntary agreement by which the flow of early-season Cuban vegetables to Northern markets might be controlled would be discussed.

# *Florida to Get Girl CCC Camps In Aid Program*

### Needy Young Women Will Receive $5 in Pay, Board, Clothes

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Establishment of 50 feminine CCC camps to provide jobs and vocational training for 5,000 needy girls has been approved as a regular part of the government's work-relief program, officials said today.

Immediate plans call for setting up work centers under the works progress administration in Rhode Island, Arkansas, Florida, Oklahoma, Missouri, South Dakota and Tennessee.

Director Richard R. Brown said sites already had been selected in most instances in abandoned CCC barracks, vacant resorts, school buildings or other quarters WPA can secure free of charge.

The government also is interviewing officials for the camps now paying special attention to "those who give promise of profiting by the experience of camp life and who will be able to carry some of the benefits back into their community lives."

The girls will stay in the new camps for three or four months periods, receiving $5 cash a month from the government in addition to their subsistence and clothes. Each girl will cost about $29 a month including all expenses.

During the time of Nero, Roman emperor, a silk couch cover cost $75,000.

Hawaiian youths swim under water and catch fish by spearing them.

# SOUTH AMERICAN AVIATOR PLANS TRIP UP AMAZON

Roy M. Hall, airman-adventurer who has lived since the World war in South America as the employ of various governments, is in Miami planning an air university. Later he plans an exploring trip to the mouth of the Amazon. Upper left, the ancient city of Cusco, Peru, so old its founding is lost in the fog of antiquity, where Incan ruins intrigue the sightseer; upper right, an air view of a modern section of the city. Below, left, llamas, the favorite means of freight transportation in South America, and a view of ancient Machupicchu, Peru, a city lost for centuries and recently discovered. Right, Hall, with a robe made of the fur of a rare Peruvian animal, valued at more than $500.

# *Shrinking Man Adds Poundage, Regains Hopes*

### 'Maybe I Will Be Able to Work Again,' Asserts Disease Victim

(By Associated Press)

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—The "shrinking man" of Minneapolis—52-year-old clans Nelson—pointed to a 15-pound gain in weight as evidence today that he was making a comeback.

The shrunken painter, victim of the bone disease osteomalacia, dwindled from five feet 10 inches to five feet and in weight from 190 pounds to 140 in 13 years.

But corrective dieting and injections of calcium at the University of Minnesota hospital have enabled him to throw off that "tired feeling," he said, and to resume normal human pursuits.

"I have gained 15 pounds; last summer I drove my car several thousand miles and I can putter around the garage," said Nelson. "Those wonderful doctors have helped me. Maybe I will be able to work again."

University of Minnesota medical authorities were not so sanguine. Nelson is gaining strength but the shrinkage has not been definitely checked, they said he suffered two relapses during his year of treatment and was bed ridden for several months.

In the Christmas Gift Guide, who suggests something for "His" beat? Cash prizes for answers. See classified pages.

# MIAMI BEACH GROUP OPPOSES WHARF TAX

### Voting Machines and Civil Service Recommended

Miami Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce last night recommended voting machines for future elections, and opposed the Miami wharfage tax on boat travelers.

Voting machines, members believe, will expedite balloting, prevent fraud and speed returns.

The wharfage tax is "unfair, inequitable and should be abolished because, although the burden has been given steamship lines, the unfavorable publicity is not worth the income," they declared.

They advocated civil service for Miami Beach police, firemen and lifeguards.

**DETECTIVES SHIFTED**

Assignment of Sgt. S. C. Broom to the afternoon and evening shift, Sgt. C. W. Potterton to the early morning shift, and Sgt. Eddie Melchen to the morning and early afternoon shift in the detective bureau was announced yesterday by Police Chief J. B. Rowland. The detective sergeants will have charge of the watches and all work under Inspector Frank Mitchell.

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# *Miami Realty Board News*

By TED REBER
(Executive Secretary)

**FRENCH BUILDING RESTRICTIONS** — Mass restrictions and regulations France wrote into its property laws to combat the housing shortage caused by the World war so hampered normal real estate use and improvement as almost to destroy the country's building industry, said Herbert U. Nelson, secretary, National Association of Real Estate Boards, after a tour abroad.

"Under these laws, the property owner's income has in some cases been completely wiped out, while his obligation remains, so France has comparatively high building costs, most notable being eight per cent first mortgages. While new home building and multi-family housing have speeded economic recovery in England, Germany and Sweden, which for several years have sustained a volume of building proportionately greater than the United States has ever known, France at present has no national home-building movement.

**REGULATIONS HOBBLE BUILDING**—"News from France, not only about devaluing the franc, but the whole tightening of tension evident in the country's economic struggle, becomes more interesting considering some of the regulations hobbling building. We must consider their present laws, too, as the background of any program to be undertaken about housing, and certainly in any comparison we make for our guidance.

"With building gaining here, we have a practical interest in building experiences abroad.

"Post-war attempts to meet difficulties occasioned by the wartime ban on construction established maximum rentals for living quarters in France which may not exceed 280 per cent of rentals prevailing in 1914. But the franc has changed value since 1914. At the end of August it was worth 16 Paris a fifth of what it was in 1914, and as a result maximum rents permitted were about one-half of 1914 levels in actual purchasing power. Meantime, actual costs of operation—for example, labor and fuel—have increased. The devaluation action now in process presumably would cut this legal maximum of building income to one-sixth the 1914 level.

**SOME FRENCH RESTRICTIONS**—"If one wishes to remodel or replace an old building with a new structure better suited to the location, he may do so, but subject since 1929 to these conditions: (a) The new building must be as large and contain as many apartments as the old; (b) a year's notice must be given all the tenants; (c) each tenant must be given an indemnity equal to two years' rent for being put to the trouble of moving; (d) the owner must provide apartments in the same locality for all tenants whose leases have not expired.

"New buildings are not restricted as to rents, but must compete with older buildings that are squeezed by the new restrictions and obligations.

"The United States commercial attache made this cautious statement: 'The stringent regulations are apt to discourage owners from rebuilding or improving their property.' Officials, aware of this, have been unable, under political conditions, to act to change the condition.

**BUILDING PROGRAM CONSIDERED**—"Because employment is scarce in the building trades, the French plan an extensive program which may include some housing. No details on this are yet available. In 1928, a program of low-cost housing was begun, with special government funds. More than 200,000 family units were built up to 1933. Since then there has been a standstill."

First mortgages in France are not being written for more than 50 per cent of appraised value.

"Taxes in France have increased since 1914 with other costs," Nelson continued, "but they have this element of equity: realty taxes are based on its income. From the gross income the owner may deduct actual costs of repairs plus 20 per cent for management, insurance and amortization. This plan, toward which American thought is moving, is in general use in Europe. The plan is so simple and just that I found very little complaint of real estate taxes in 10 countries I visited."

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Among all the big news and headlines of today's news there was a little item that sure gave me great encouragement. It said that some great professor of the Smithsonian institution had discovered that a person with a "cowlick" was human, and not like the person who had none, as they descended from the ape, as no ape ever had a cowlick.

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## JUNEAU IS STRUCK BY NEW LANDSLIDE

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 1.—(P)—Another landslide caused concern today in the Juneau residential sector where an avalanche last week rolled down from a rain-washed mountainside, killing 15 persons. The slide yesterday occurred just above the point of the fatal one but it did no damage. The weather bureau reported 1.40 inches of rain during the last 24 hours.

## COMPTROLLER ACTS ON STORE TAX LEVY

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 1.—(P)—Comptroller J. M. Lee advanced his plans for a drive to collect delinquent chain store taxes by establishing headquarters here for auditors. The comptroller inserted a newspaper advertisement which said "If you want to argue about the tax, don't call. Wait until we get before a judge and jury."

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